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Mindfulness and
Psychotherapy
Certificate Program
Information Session
February 1
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"Art Gathering:
The Collector"
February 1
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Visual Arts Gallery

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SLATE Production
February 1
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the Operetta"
February 3
4 p.m.
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History through
the Arts - Poetry
and Music
February 4
2 - 4 p.m.
Hall of Governors
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African American
Read-In
February 4

News and Events

Student Leadership Programs Off to a Good Start

More than 60 GSU students this week participated in the nationally recognized Leadership Practices Inventory. On Tuesday, the Student Affairs team launched the inaugural Leadership Institute. The Graduate Leadership Scholars program had its kickoff event on Wednesday.

In the next month, participants will choose from among 10 workshops, with topics such as Leading Change, Ethics and Integrity, Vision and Goal Setting, and Multicultural Issues in Leadership. Participants will also meet with their leadership mentors; 45 faculty and staff have volunteered to guide students through this leadership journey.



Leadership Institute students

This distinctive co-curricular certificate program is designed for students seeking leadership development opportunities that will contribute to their personal development and help achieve their leadership potential. For more information, visit www.govst.edu/sli. You can [follow their experience](#) on Twitter.

2nd District Congressional Forum - February 7

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Mike Flannery

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6 - 8 p.m.
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Africana Hip Hop
Dance with Riley
February 5
6:45 - 7:45 p.m.
Hall of Governors

Open Class:
Managing Equal
Opportunity and
Diversity
February 5
7:30 - 10:20 p.m.
B2201

Colleague Users
Meeting
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Hall of Honors

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Winning Essay
Student Workshop
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Freedom
Film Series:
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February 6
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February 13
Noon - 4 p.m.
Hall of Governors

In presenting the forum, GSU is partnering with League of Women Voters chapters in Homewood-Flossmoor, Dolton-Harvey-Riverdale, and the Park Forest area, and Mikva Challenge, a nonpartisan 501(c)3 organization that prioritizes the development of civic leadership in underserved Chicago high school youth.

Crossroads of Freedom

This year's Black History Month marks two important anniversaries in the history of African Americans and the United States: the sesquicentennial of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington.

Join the GSU community in the celebration of African American history, culture, arts, and cuisine. To see a list of events, [check here](#).

State University Employees Must Comply with New Child Abuse Law

Gail M. Bradshaw, Associate Vice President of Human Resources and Diversity, has directed that all employees, including all full and part-time, extra-help, temporary, graduate assistants and student workers, receive notification about the new Illinois Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA).

To verify notification has been made, employees will receive an e-mail from HR shortly, containing information and instructions about this law, with a link to the DCFS [Acknowledgement Form](#), which each employee must complete, print off, sign, and date.

Please keep a copy for your records, and send the original DCFS form to the GSU Human Resources Department by March 1. You can drop it in the night mailbox next to the HR Department entry door, or place it in the university mail addressed to the HR Department, or place it in the U.S. Mail addressed to: Governors State University, Attn: Human Resources Department, 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60484.

Assassins Comes to CPA This Weekend

Stephen Sondheim's *Assassins* brings some of the most reviled figures in American history to Governors State University Center for Performing Arts for two unforgettable performances.



Assassins, a bold, thought-provoking musical about nine people who killed, or attempted to kill, the President of the United States, will be presented by the Southland Area Theatre Ensemble (SLATE) on Friday, February 1 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, February 2, at 8 p.m.

Assassins has been acclaimed as a monumental theater work since it was first presented in London in 1992. The show finally came to Broadway in 2004 and was rewarded with Tony Awards for Best Revival, Best Actor in a Musical, Best Orchestration, Best Lighting Design, and Best

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African American
Military Contribution
to American
Freedom
Film Series:
"Glory"

February 13
5 - 7:30 p.m.
Engbretson Hall
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Veterans Affairs

Open Class:
An Evening Honoring

GSU African-
American
Researchers
February 13
4:30 - 7 p.m.
TBA

Black History
Month Film Series:
"Cracking the Codes;
The System of
Racial Inequality"
February 18
6 - 8 p.m.
Cntr Perf Arts Lobby
Sponsored by ARC,
CAS, Int. Life Grant

Test your knowledge
of African American
History
February 19 & 26
Noon - 4 p.m.
Hall of Governors
Sponsored by
Student Life

Taste of BSU -
Soul Food Lunch
(\$5)
February 20
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Cafeteria Annex
Sponsored by BSU

MOT Information
Session
February 21
5 p.m.
G127

GSU Students on the
Move;

Director.

At GSU Center, audience members will be seated on-stage with the actors, providing an up-close experience that intensifies the show's spectacular action and score.

Tickets for *Assassins* are \$27. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the GSU Center [box office](#) at 708.235.2222.

A Night at the Operetta – February 3

Take a journey back to the streets of Old Vienna as you join the artists on stage at *A Night at the Operetta*, on Sunday, February 3 at 4 p.m., in GSU's Center for Performing Arts.

This intimate performance includes arias and ensembles from operettas like *The Land of Smiles*, *Arizona Lady*, *Giuditta*, *Sissi*, *The Girl in the Train*, *The Cousin from Nowhere* and *The Circus Princess*. From the unique vantage point of your table on the stage, you'll be looking out into the theater. Chicago Folks Operetta, a company devoted to "the nurturing of live operetta through articulate and dynamic productions," brings its wealth of talent and artistry to GSUCenter's stage.

Tickets for *A Night at the Operetta* are \$35. For tickets, contact the GSU Center [box office](#) at 708.235.2222.

National African American Read-In Returns Monday

The annual National African American Read-In is again part of Black History Month at GSU. This year's event takes place Monday, February 4, from 6 to 8 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Volunteer readers celebrate literacy by reading an excerpt from a book, poem, or essay by an African American author. The program is endorsed by the International Literacy Association, and is sponsored at GSU by the College of Arts and Sciences, the English Department, the Black Caucus of the NCTE, and the NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English), and Student Life.

The Read-In is free and open to the public. Volunteer readers are encouraged to pick their favorite piece of African American literature and join the celebration. For more information or to register as a volunteer reader, contact [Dr. Rashidah Muhammad](#) at 708.534.6974. All are invited to participate.

Colleague Users Group Meeting – February 6

The next meeting of the Colleague Users Group (CUG) is Wednesday, February 6, at 2 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

CUG provides a monthly forum for GSU community members to share and discuss their experiences using the system. Membership in CUG is open to all faculty and staff.

The forum will include presentations on *Using Colleague Communications Management* by Sylvia Ponce DeLeon, Financial Aid Interim Director; *What's New in the Portal?* by Hugo Solano, ITS

Civic Engagement in
Action Presentation
February 26
6 - 8 p.m.
Engbretson Hall
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Associate Director of Applications Development; and *Waitlisting – How Did it Work for Your College?* by Colleen Rock, Provost's Office Director, Academic and Tech Support Services, and Bonnie Simpson, Assistant to the Registrar.

Contact the [Colleague Project Office](#) with any questions about the meeting.

Natural Hair, Health,
and Beauty
Conference
February 26
2 - 6 p.m.
Hall of Governors
Sponsored by BSU

How to Write Winning Essays – February 6

Learn to write winning scholarship and graduation admission essays at a workshop presenting strategies on how to convince your audience that you are among the best and brightest. The workshop takes place at 3 p.m., February 6, in D1496.

Open Class:
Intersecting
Identities -
Race and Beyond
February 26
4:30 - 7 p.m.
GSU Naperville
Education Center

English Department faculty and the Writing Center staff will offer assistance about how to begin your essay, choose your approach, shape your writing, provide meaningful examples, and produce an error free piece. Previous scholarship winners and scholarship reviewers will provide valuable insight into the selection process.

Just bring yourself, your questions, and any instructions you may have been given about your essay. You're sure to get specific, hands-on help with your application and a new understanding of the essay-writing process.

Black History Month
Film Series:
"Crimson Tide"
February 27
5 - 7:30 p.m.
Engbretson Hall
Sponsored by ARC,
CAS, Int. Life Grant

Bean Bag Tournament – February 7

The SHRM Club is sponsoring a Welcome Back Bean Bag Tournament on Thursday, February 7, from noon to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. There is a \$10 entrance fee for singles participants, and \$15 for teams.

GSU's First Black
Women Rock
Awards Ceremony
February 28
7 - 9 p.m.
Sherman Hall
Sponsored by
Student Life

The tournament winner will receive 30 percent of the prize money in the pot. The runner up will receive 15 percent and third place will get 5 percent.

Only GSU students, faculty, and staff can participate in the tournament. For more information or to register, contact crowe@govst.edu.

GSU-Produced Reflections on Fatherhood Debuts on WTTW February 10

Compelling stories about fathers and families are at the heart of a televised documentary between two award winning journalists, created by GSU faculty and students and making its broadcast debut on WTTW Channel 11.

Reflections on Fatherhood will premiere on Sunday, February 10 at 4 p.m. and will be re-broadcast on Monday, February 11 at 3:30 p.m. The show was inspired by *Dear Dad: Reflections on Fatherhood*, by John W. Fountain, a nationally renowned journalist, professor, and author. Veteran television journalist Robert Jordan, of WGN-TV, hosts the program.



John W. Fountain

"This is one of those stories that resonates universally, regardless of age, race, or socioeconomic status," said Keisha Dyson, producer of *Reflections on Fatherhood* and an adjunct professor in GSU's Division of Digital Learning and Media Design (DLMD).

Reflections on Fatherhood takes the form of an intimate conversation between Fountain and Jordan. In recorded vignettes, four members of the GSU community – students, staff, and family members – tell stories about their fathers that are interspersed throughout the conversation.

Dyson said she decided to develop *Reflections on Fatherhood* after a chance meeting with Fountain, who gave her copy of his book. She secured \$500 in seed money through a grant from GSU's Intellectual Life Committee. Jordan and Fountain agreed to appear on the program and more than 30 members of the campus community responded to an item in GSU View, agreeing to tell personal stories about their fathers. The conversation between Fountain and Jordan was recorded last April before a live audience in a GSU TV studio.



Robert Jordan

Students were an integral part of *Reflections on Fatherhood*. GSU students who participated in the production included director and videographer Blake Labriola, graphic artist Leah Chapman, and video and show editor Joshua Young. The program was produced by the Division of Digital Learning and Media Design. Additional support came from the GSU Office of Institutional Advancement.

Auditions for GSU Production

Auditions for the GSU production of Ann Sexton's *Transformations* will be held on February 2, from noon to 2 p.m., and February 4, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The audition time slot sign-up sheet is located outside room E1541D.

Transformations is the classic retelling of Grimm's fairy tales through Sexton's deliciously strange, personally intimate, and metaphorically rich poem-stories. The production needs at least four men and four women. Performances will be on April 24 and 25.

For more information, contact director [Dr. Patrick Santoro](#) at 708.235.2842.

Order Valentine's Day Flowers

Make Valentine's Day special for someone you care about -- and easy for you. The Civil Service Senate is again sponsoring its annual Valentine's Day carnation sale. Pre-orders are being accepted through Friday, February 8 or while supplies last. All orders must be paid in full by at the cashier's office by Friday, February 8. Carnations will be delivered on Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14.

The cost of the carnations is also a great deal. Single blooms are only \$1.25. Six flowers cost \$6 and a dozen is only \$12. The more you order, the more you save so get your order in early.

BOT Meeting – February 15

The GSU Board of Trustees committee meetings scheduled for Friday, February 8 have been canceled.

The full Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, February 15, in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

If you have any questions about the Board of Trustees contact [Penny Perdue](#) or [Joan Johns Maloney](#).

Nominations Open for GSU Black Women Rock Awards

In celebration of Black History Month, the first *GSU Black Women Rock* award ceremony is coming in February.

GSU Black Women Rock is an acknowledgment of black women who are making or have made strides in the following areas:

- Sistah Philanthropist: a person engaged in civic activities
- Literary Expressionist: a writer, poet, etc.
- Passionate Advocate: a political or social advocate
- Creative Soul: film producer, performing artist, script writer, etc.
- Miz Entrepreneur: a sole proprietor or partner in a business endeavor

Finalists will be selected by the Black History Month Committee. All nominees will be invited to the award ceremony, to be held February 28, from 7 to 9 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Nomination Criteria: Only GSU students are eligible to be nominated. All nominations must be submitted via Survey Monkey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GSUBlackWomenRock>.

Nominations must be at least 300 words, describing accomplishments and awards, with an explanation of why nominees deserve the *GSU Black Women Rock* award. Nominations will be accepted from students, faculty, staff, and community members, as well as self-nominations.

The cut-off date for nominations is Monday, February 11.

Deadline Nears for Minority Internship Applications

The Minority Internship Program (MIP) is designed specifically for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at GSU, Chicago State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Eastern Illinois University, and Western Illinois University. The program is open to African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans (or Pacific Islanders),

Native Americans, and Alaskan Natives.

The program provides students with the opportunity to observe and participate in the practical aspects of public policy making in a variety of off-campus settings. While the emphasis is on local and state government agencies, students may complete their internships in a number of other agencies that may be more relevant to their majors and career aspirations.

Applications for the MIP program are currently being accepted for the fall semester. The application deadline is Tuesday, February 5. Applicant selection is very competitive. [Download an application.](#)

For additional information contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at 708.534.4552.

MOT Information Session - February 21

The Department of Occupational Therapy will sponsor an information session for GSU's Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) degree program. The session takes place on Thursday, February 21, at 5 p.m. in G127. Attendees are encouraged to bring unofficial copies of transcripts.

For more information, contact [Patricia Kalvelage](#) at 708.534.7294. Additional information may be obtained at www.govst.edu/chhs/dot/mot/.

Electronic 1098T Forms Available for Students (01-28-13)

Attention, students. You can streamline your personal tax process by signing up for an electronic 1098T form. Financial Services is offering GSU students the option to update their student profile through GSU's online portal to consent to receiving an electronic 1098T. Signing up for the service allows all students to access, view, and print their 1098T form as soon as they are created.

Sign up today for an electronic 1098T by following the steps in [this memo](#).

Your 1098T will be available for viewing and printing on or before January 31. All GSU students will receive an electronic communication when the W-2s have been updated in Datatel Colleague.

Thanks, and Hot Cocoa, from President Maimon

Come on down to the cafeteria Tuesday morning for a hot, steaming cup of cocoa, courtesy of the President's Office.

"This is a thank you to faculty and staff for all their hard work," said GSU President Elaine P. Maimon. "We have a great many projects moving full speed ahead as we prepare for freshmen, get ready to break ground on our first student housing facilities, and continue the excellent work in many other areas. Cocoa cannot fully express my appreciation, but it can warm you up on a cold January morning."

Cocoa will be available until supplies run out, beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 29, in the GSU Café.

GSU Café Responds to Survey

The Governors State community was invited to participate in an online survey on services at GSU Café for one month last November and December. During that period, more than 500 students, faculty, and staff responded to the survey.

As a result of the feedback from the university community, GSU Café has undertaken a number of initiatives for the Spring 2013 semester.

You can read about new initiatives at GSU Café in this [analysis of the survey results](#).

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting

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GSA Meets Weekly

Beginning January 30, the Gay Straight Alliance will meet every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in E2590.

College Anxiety Workshop - January 29 and 30

Learn how to handle the stress at a special workshop geared toward university students. Dealing with College Anxiety will be held on Tuesday, January 29, from noon to 1 p.m.; and Wednesday, January 30, from 5 to 6 p.m. Both workshops will be held in the ARC Testing Room, B1216.

Workshop participants will have access to written materials and other information on time management, study skills, and test anxiety.

The GSU Academic Resource Center sponsors this free workshop. Refreshments will be served. More information is available at 708.534.4090.

Candidates Appear at 2nd District Forum

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Redefining Diversity – February 3

GSU adjunct professor Jeanne McInerney will present “Race, Religion and Identity in a Multi-Cultural World” on Sunday, February 3 at 1:30 p.m. at B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom, 1424 183rd St., Homewood.

McInerney teaches “Perspectives in Diversity” at GSU. She spent 12 years as Director of Development for Healing Racism Chicago Southland. In her talk, she will offer new ways to frame the concept of difference. Participants will be introduced to fresh new perspectives on traditional race-based ideas of diversity.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

Former GSU President Leo Goodman-Malamuth Dies (01-24-13)

Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth II, second president of Governors State University, died Sunday, January 20, at his home in LaQuinta, California. He was 88. Dr. Goodman-Malamuth served as GSU's president between October, 1977 and July, 1992.



Dr. Goodman-Malamuth

During his 15 years as GSU president, Dr. Goodman-Malamuth was instrumental in revising its curriculum, redesigning its colleges, and developing a new student grading system. Dr. Goodman-Malamuth reorganized the university's administration, establishing the first office of Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs.

“Dr. Goodman-Malamuth strengthened GSU's role as a Public Square,” said President Elaine P. Maimon. “He sustained GSU's founding principle of innovation, while imposing necessary constraints and developing sound educational practices.”

Dr. Goodman-Malamuth was an early supporter of GSU's Center for Performing Arts, a cultural jewel in the Chicago Southland. He commissioned several works of art for the nationally-renowned Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. He helped establish the GSU Foundation, the university's fund-raising arm. Dr. Goodman-Malamuth expanded GSU's

use of communications technology, especially through the use of telecourses that were transmitted all around the United States.

"He was the president who took the most steps to move GSU into the mainstream of higher education," said Dr. David Curtis, former university provost, who worked as an administrator with Dr. Goodman-Malamuth for many years. "When he arrived on campus, he saw that changes were needed." It took a few years until all the changes were in effect, Curtis said, but Dr. Goodman-Malamuth was a "constant presence," who made sure GSU was headed in the right direction.

"I felt that here was a place that had a tremendously bright future," Dr. Goodman-Malamuth said about GSU in 1991. "I decided to come here to see if I couldn't in some way help move (GSU) along with the faculty and staff ... to help the university attain some of its aspirations."

In 2009, Dr. Goodman-Malamuth returned to GSU for the university's 40th anniversary celebration, taking part in a panel discussion on the university's past and future.

Students Witness History During Inauguration Trip

GSU students experienced an unforgettable lesson in civic engagement during their three-day trip to President Barack Obama's second inauguration in Washington, D.C. Thirty-eight GSU students were accompanied by four faculty and staff members on an epic journey to a historic event.

"It was a wonderful experience," said Erin Fletcher, student trustee on the GSU Board. "So many things came together on this trip – the inauguration, MLK Day, and the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation."

Students agreed that there were numerous challenges on the road to the inauguration. The bus trip to the Washington area took more than 12 hours. On Monday, Inauguration Day, the delegation received a 4:30 a.m. wake-up call in order to get to the day's events on time. In the end, however, it was all worthwhile.



2013 Inaugural Delegation

"Being in Washington, D.C., for such a historical moment was very uplifting, historical, rewarding, and profound for me on so many levels," said Student Senate President Lisa Wallace. "As an advocate for change and the president of Student Senate, this was powerful and life-changing. I was able to witness and experience what my forefathers marched and fought for."

Wallace signed up as a volunteer for Inauguration Day, and was rewarded for her efforts by a front-row view of the day's events. At President Obama's swearing-in ceremony, she acted as an escort for celebrities on the main stage. Wallace brought music superstars Jay-Z and Beyonce to their seats, an accomplishment that will be long remembered by members of GSU's entourage.

In the evening, Wallace volunteered at the Commander in Chief Ball, where she checked tickets but also was seated close to President Obama. "I got to see the president up close and personal," she said. Wallace showed pictures from her cell phone – the president and Mrs. Obama dancing, Jennifer Hudson singing, and more once-in-a-lifetime images.

On Monday, Fletcher and her group were further down Pennsylvania Avenue, where they were positioned in the first row for the Inaugural Parade. "We waited there for about five hours," she said. After the long wait, they ultimately got to see the president and first lady walk by.

Student Chris Cook said GSU's delegation worked as a team to get the most out of the experience.

"I had a wonderful time," Cook said. "This trip was not only fun. It was very educational and historical. For me, this trip allowed the students to become closer. By the end of the trip, students knew each other by their first name. Students made sure that everyone had something to eat; they took care of each other. When we have activities that are geared toward student engagement and building the morale of the student population, students will begin to take pride in their institution."

Cook said his greatest moment during the trip was seeing President Obama and the first lady. "That's when it hit me that all things are achievable in every field of human endeavor," he said.

Suzette Shepherd, an IDSS student, was with Dr. Phyllis West and a group of students when she spotted Cheryl Burton, a reporter for ABC-Channel 7 in Chicago. She waved to her and Burton came over with a camera crew, and interviewed Shepherd and Dr. West. "I talked to her about the significance of this event to me, and why it was so meaningful," Shepherd said. [Watch the interview](#) with Shepherd and Dr. West.

GSU President Elaine P. Maimon thanked Dr. West, Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, Special Events Coordinator Karen Caesar-Smith, and Assistant Dean of Students Sheree Sanderson, who accompanied the students; , and Dean of Students Aurelio Valente, who made arrangements for students to meet with the mayor of Hagerstown, Maryland, David Gyberts.

"Your work is a prime example of infusing civic engagement and principles of democracy into the curriculum and into student life," Dr. Maimon said. "Your interaction with students greatly enriched the experience for them."

Fletcher said the trip gave participants an entirely new concept of civic engagement. "I am already involved on campus," she said. "After this trip, I feel motivated to do even more."

Students who traveled to Washington will chronicle the trip during the Civic Engagement in Action presentation on Thursday, February 21, at 6 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Facts for the 2013 Flu Season

Fight the flu! Dr. Aurelio Valente, Dean of Students, encourages students and all members to review these [flu facts](#) so you can better

cope with this winter’s particularly pesky virus.

Benefit Leave Information Online

On January 31, you can view all of your leave plans and your up-to-date leave balances on line. In order to view this information, you should go the Portal and click on “Employee Profile.” Then click on “Leave Plan Summary.” On that page your will find the following information:

- 1. The first date that you may use all or part of the benefit leave you have accrued
- 2. The types of benefit leave you have
- 3. How your benefit leave accrues each pay period (in hours)
- 4. Your accrual limits (in hours)
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Dealing with Stress

Learn how to handle the stress at a special workshop geared toward university students. *Dealing with College Anxiety* will be held on Tuesday, January 29, from noon to 1 p.m.; and Wednesday, January 30, from 5 to 6 p.m. Both workshops will be held in the ARC Testing Room, B1216.

Workshop participants will have access to written materials and other information on time management, study skills, and test anxiety.

The GSU Academic Resource Center sponsors this free workshop. Refreshments will be served. More information is available at 708.534.4090.

Calling all Performers

Auditions for the GSU production of Ann Sexton's *Transformations* will be held on February 2, from noon to 2 p.m. and February 4, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The audition time slot sign-up sheet is located outside room E1541D.

Transformations is the classic retelling of Grimm's fairy tales through Sexton's deliciously strange, personally intimate, and metaphorically rich poem-stories. The production needs at least four men and four women. Performances will be on April 24 and 25.

For more information, contact director [Dr. Patrick Santoro](#) at 708.235.2842.

Self Defense Courses Offered

The Recreation and Fitness Center is offering Self Defense courses during the spring semester.

Aqua Defense will be held Tuesdays, from noon to 1 p.m. between January 29 and April 16. The course has a \$15 fee. This water based course in self defense is tailored for those with chronic pain, including fibromyalgia, arthritis, or injuries. This unique self-defense course draws upon principles of taekwondo, yoga, and anatomy.

Personal Self Defense Training days, times, and dates must be scheduled through the Recreation and Fitness Center Sales Office in A1106. The fee is \$100 for six hours of instruction. Protecting yourself is your right. This unique one-on-one self-defense course draws upon principles of taekwondo, yoga, and anatomy.

R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) meets Mondays, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. between February 4 and April 8. There is a \$25 fee. Be prepared! The R.A.D. course includes lecture, discussion and hands-on self-defense techniques suitable for women of all abilities.

Contact the Recreation and Fitness Center at 708.534.4556.

GSU Receives 29th Consecutive Grant from State

GSU has been awarded a \$185,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to host an Illinois Small Business Development Center and an Illinois International Trade Center for 2013. In 1984, GSU became one of the founding Small Business Development Centers in Illinois and has served the GSU regions existing businesses and business startup clients for nearly 30 years.

"During the last decade, GSU's SBDC and ITC have served 5,000 clients who have added and retained over 8,000 jobs while investing more than \$136 million by expanding or starting 215 businesses as well as aiding in increasing exports by over \$500 million in the GSU region," said Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration. "On behalf of the College of Business and Public Administration, I am extremely pleased to continue supporting regional economic development efforts through the SBDC and ITC at GSU."

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2nd District Candidates to Appear at Forum – February

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GSU will host a forum for candidates seeking the vacant Congressional seat in Illinois' Second District. The forum, in GSU's Center for Performing Arts, takes place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 7.

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President Maimon Opens Another Exciting Semester at GSU (01-22-13)



In her letter on the first day of the Spring, 2013 semester, President Elaine P. Maimon welcomes students and other members of the GSU community to a vibrant, memorable term at our university.

Dr. Maimon reflects on the contributions of great leaders like President Abraham Lincoln and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and how they have inspired the pragmatic idealism that is a cornerstone of Governors State University.

President Maimon

Read [Dr. Maimon's letter](#).

So You Think You Can Innovate? Roberta Ness to Present at GSU March 7 and 8

Renowned speaker Dr. Roberta Ness, M.D., M.P.H., will be on GSU's campus this spring. Dr. Ness, a recognized expert in women's health research, is dean of The University of Texas School of Public Health and author of Innovation Generation. Dr. Ness is featured speaker at the third GSU symposium on the First Year Experience, and will also present a lecture that is free and open to the GSU community. On Thursday, March 7, Dr. Ness will lecture in the evening at the Center for Performing Arts, and on Friday, March 8, she will address faculty and administration about how to infuse innovation into your work and your life.



Dr. Ness holds the M. David Low Chair in Public Health. She is a professor in the Division of Epidemiology and Disease Control, and Vice President for Innovation at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Science, a fellow of the American College of Physicians, and past-President of the American College of Epidemiology. She is President of the American Epidemiological Society.

Dr. Roberta Ness In 2011 Dr. Ness was invited to speak about innovation at a TED conference. A link to her TED talk is below:

<http://tedxtalks.ted.com/video/TEDxHouston-2011-Roberta-B-Ness>

If you received an e-mail to attend the March 8 symposium, a continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will also be provided and the day's work should conclude by 4:30 p.m.

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IAI Sessions Begin This Week

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A complete schedule of the information sessions, which are taking place between January 23 and February 14, is listed on the [provost's website](#).

Sessions will focus on navigation of the [IAI website](#) to find the expectations for General Education and discipline specific (lower division) course development in addition to the timeline for the GSU approval process. Sessions will also provide information about how faculty can be nominated to serve on the state-wide oversight panels that review IAI courses. The IAI is a statewide transfer agreement among more than 100 participating colleges and universities in Illinois.

Who should attend? The two sessions sponsored by the Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center, on January 23 and 24, are particularly suited as a general overview of IAI, [General Education Core Curriculum](#) expectations, timelines/deadlines, and the approval process. The "focus on" sessions will provide the specific expectations associated with the listed disciplines. Faculty who are/will be writing curriculum for General Education courses and/or writing lower division curriculum for submission to IAI "Majors Panels" will want to attend, particularly if you are unfamiliar with IAI course guidelines. Chairs and directors are particularly invited to attend the "focus on" sessions in order to provide IAI guidance to colleagues for their respective colleges.

The deadline for submitting courses to [Dr. Randi Schneider](#), Director of Academic Engagement, is June 14.

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Zumba Your Way to a Healthy 2013

Are you ready to dance away those unwanted pounds? Zumba involves dance and aerobic elements and is at the leading edge of the fitness industry. Getting fit has never been this much fun!

Zumba will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation and Fitness Center. Classes will be held from Tuesday, January 29 to Thursday, April 18. The fee is \$10 for GSU students, \$40 for Recreation and Fitness Center members, and \$100 for non-members.

Contact the Recreation and Fitness Center at 708.534.4556.

GSU Black Women Rock

In celebration of Black History Month, the first *GSU Black Women Rock* award ceremony is coming in February.

GSU Black Women Rock is an acknowledgment of black women who are making or have made strides in the following areas:

- Sistah Philanthropist: a person engaged in civic activities
- Literary Expressionist: a writer, poet, etc.
- Passionate Advocate: a political or social advocate
- Creative Soul: film producer, performing artist, script writer, etc.
- Miz Entrepreneur: a sole proprietor or partner in a business endeavor

Finalists will be selected by the Black History Month Committee. All nominees will be invited to the award ceremony, to be held February 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Sherman Hall.

Nomination Criteria: Only GSU students are eligible to be nominated. All nominations must be submitted via Survey Monkey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GSUBlackWomenRock>.

Nominations must be at least 300 words, describing accomplishments and awards, with an explanation of why nominees deserve the *GSU Black Women Rock* award. Nominations will be accepted from students, faculty, staff, and community members, as well as self-nominations.

The cutoff date for nominations is Monday, February 11. So, ready, set, nominate!

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Streamline Tax Process with Electronic W-2

You can streamline your personal tax process by signing up for an electronic W-2 form. Financial Services is offering GSU employees the option to update their employee profile through GSU's online portal to consent to receiving an electronic W-2. Signing up for the service allows all employees to access, view, and print their W-2 forms.

Your W-2 will be available for viewing and printing on or before January 31, 2013. All GSU employees will receive an electronic

communication when the W-2s have been updated in Datatel Colleague.

Sign up today for an electronic W-2 by following the steps in this [memo](#).

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Applications for the MIP program are currently being accepted for the fall semester. The application deadline is February 5. Applicant selection is very competitive. Download an [application](#).

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Lower Division Steering Committee Planning Superlative First Year Experience (01-17-13)

Following the appointment of the Lower Division Steering Committee, GSU is moving steadfastly toward the final steps that need to be taken to ensure a superlative first year experience when freshmen arrive in Fall, 2014.

The committee, established in November by President Elaine P. Maimon, held its first meeting in December and plans to conduct biweekly sessions through the implementation of the lower division curriculum and the arrival of first year students.



Dean Reinhold Hill

CAS Dean Reinhold Hill is chairing the Lower Division Steering Committee; members include Aurelio Valente, Dean of Students; Kristy Goodwin, Director of Recruitment and Outreach; Karen Kissel, Vice President of Administration and Finance; Randi Schneider, Director of Academic Engagement; Phyllis Streeter, Institutional Research Specialist; Ann Vendrely, Professor of Physical Therapy; and Rhonda Brown, Assistant Vice President for Marketing and Communications.

Dean Hill said the new committee will work in concert with other groups and offices at GSU, including committees, working groups, administrative areas, faculty, and staff.

"We plan to identify the strengths, needs, and opportunities related to the debut of the lower division," he said. "We will compile a list of possible actions and plan to prioritize them so we can begin to identify available resources and work groups in these areas. Then we can prepare a timeline to ensure institutional readiness leading to GSU's lower division implementation."

At their first meeting, committee members started putting together a list of areas for consideration, investigation and planning. They include academic support, student profile, marketing, housing, recruitment, student life, bridge program, orientation, welcoming activities, athletics and intramurals, culture change, communicational internal and external stakeholders, fiscal constraints, registration and enrollment policies, Colleague, communication with faculty about deans, leveraging partnerships and relationships with local business community, physical

and mental health, and assessment of first year students.

GSU Delegation Headed to Presidential Inauguration

Thirty-eight GSU students will be part of history when they attend President Barack Obama's second inauguration Monday in Washington, D.C.

During their unforgettable trip, students will learn first-hand about civic engagement, attend the inauguration ceremony and parade, and visit the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and other historic sites in the nation's capital.

"This is very exciting," said Student Senate President Lisa Wallace, who is looking forward to visiting the MLK Memorial and the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Wallace is also serving as a volunteer at two evening events, President Obama's Inaugural Ball and the Military Ball.

Wallace said she looked over the seating chart for the Inaugural Ball and found that her assigned table is very close to where President Obama will be sitting. "It will be a real honor to serve the President of the United States," she said.

GSU students will be accompanied by four faculty and staff members, including Sheree Sanderson, assistant dean of students; Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, assistant professor of history and social science; and Dr. Phyllis West, university lecturer in social work. Students can take part in a special independent student course, History 4700, involving readings, research, and a project under faculty supervision. Students will make a presentation at GSU about their experiences in Washington during Black History Month in February.

Students will depart by bus from GSU at 6 a.m. Sunday, arriving in the Washington D.C. area 12 hours later. They will stay in Hagerstown, Maryland, where the city's mayor, David Gysberts, is scheduled to speak with GSU's entourage about civic engagement.

On Monday, students are expected to arrive in Washington at about 8:30 a.m. President Obama will be sworn in at noon and the inauguration parade follows the swearing-in ceremony. Students will visit the MLK Memorial and other sites after the parade. The delegation will return to GSU on Tuesday.

GSU's first-ever student trip to a presidential inauguration is sponsored by the Office of Student Life.

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Urban Teacher Preparation in the Spotlight



Karen Peterson

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Peterson, who is also co-director of GSU's Teacher Quality Partnership grant, is one of three panelists who will address comprehensive perspectives on teacher preparation – recruitment, preparation and follow-up and support. The other panelists are from University of Chicago and the Academy for Urban School Leadership.

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While the emphasis is on local and state government agencies, students may complete their internships in a number of other agencies that may be more relevant to their majors and career aspirations.

Applications for the MIP program are currently being accepted for the fall semester. The application deadline is February 5. Applicant selection is very competitive. Download an [application](#).

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Youth Swim Program Starts Soon

It's time to get the kids off the couch, away from the Xbox, and into the pool. Winter is the perfect time for children to learn how to swim, master an important skill, have fun in the water, and use up some energy.

The GSU Recreation and Fitness Center Youth Swim Program is open to children 5 to 17 years old. Participants receive 12 weeks of swim instruction. Classes begin on Saturday, February 2, from 11 to 11:40 a.m. Parental presence poolside during swim times and a waiver signed by a parent or guardian are required.

The fee is \$20 for the children of GSU students, \$25 for the children of Recreation and Fitness Center members, and \$50 for non-members. The deadline to sign up is Saturday, January 26. This program encourages family involvement. Limited space is available.

Contact the [Recreation and Fitness Center](#) at 708.534.4556.

IAI Compliance Prep Workshops Scheduled (01-14-13)

The Provost's Office is offering information sessions for faculty about the steps GSU is taking to transition from being a "receiving only" to a "fully participating" university within the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI).

A complete schedule of the information sessions, which are taking place between January 23 and February 14, is listed on the provost's [website](#).

Sessions will focus on navigation of the [IAI website](#) to find the expectations for General Education and discipline specific (lower division) course development in addition to the timeline for the GSU approval process. Sessions will also provide information about how faculty can be nominated to serve on the state-wide oversight panels that review IAI courses. The IAI is a statewide transfer agreement among more than 100 participating colleges and universities in Illinois.

Who should attend? The two sessions sponsored by the Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center, on January 23 and 24, are particularly suited as a general overview of IAI, [General Education Core Curriculum](#) expectations, timelines/deadlines, and the approval process. The "focus on" sessions will provide the specific expectations associated with the listed disciplines. Faculty who are/will be writing curriculum for General Education courses and/or writing lower division curriculum for submission to IAI "Majors Panels" will want to attend, particularly if you are unfamiliar with IAI course guidelines. Chairs and directors are particularly invited to attend the "focus on" sessions in order to provide IAI guidance to colleagues for their respective colleges.

The deadline for submitting courses to [Dr. Randi Schneider](#), Director of Academic Engagement, is June 14.

Time to Re-Tile

Tile work is scheduled this week in the cafeteria area and other parts of D-building. Work in the cafeteria starts today from Hall of Governors to just past the coffee bar. The cafeteria project is expected to conclude Wednesday at the bookstore wall.

On Thursday, tile will be replaced from the main entrance to the Hall of Governors.

Workers will begin the project early each day and try to keep any noise to a minimum. For more information, call Facilities at ext. 4515.

Café Newsletter Available Online

Check out the *January Fresh for You* [newsletter](#) at GSU Café's website. The newsletter has information about changes at GSU Café this spring, as well as two coupons that will be accepted through January 31.

X-ray Work Closes D-Building Tonight

D-building will be closed tonight to faculty, students, staff, and visitors between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. During this time, contractors will X-ray slabs in order to locate reinforcement bars. To safely accomplish this work, all non-essential personnel must vacate the main building. The Department of Public Safety will help ensure that the area has been evacuated prior to the commencement of the contractor's work.

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International Trade Seminar – January 17

The Illinois International Trade Center at GSU and State of Illinois Office of Trade and Investment will host a State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) seminar in the Hall of Honors on Thursday, January 17, from 9 to 11 a.m. This informative seminar will provide STEP program application guidelines, eligibility requirements, and introduce more resources available to U.S. exports.

The STEP program promotes Group Trade Missions, Individual Foreign Market Sales Missions, Product Compliance, and initiatives geared towards new-to-export or new-to-market companies. The program provides Illinois companies with financial and technical assistance through the federal Small Business Jobs Act of 2010. The STEP program is designed to help states support export promotion for small and medium sized businesses.

This is a complimentary event. Registration is recommended. To RSVP, please contact Mary Ma, Illinois International Trade Center Director, at 708-534-6976, or [register online](#).

OIS Open House – January 18



GSU's Office of International Services is hosting an open house on January 18, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., in C3370.

Meet OIS staffers Jonathan Lee and Katherine Haan. Learn about the office's services exciting new initiatives. Refreshments will be served.

For further information or to RSVP, call ext. 7611.

NMSP Winter Sculpture Walk – January 26



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Blow off some cabin fever and take part in the annual Winter Walk and Chili Dinner at Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on Saturday, January 26 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Director and Curator Geoff Bates will lead the tour of artworks, including Yvonne Domenge's Wind Waves, newly installed at NMSP. Following the walk, board member Leona Calvin and her husband

George will again provide a dinner featuring his delicious chili.

Reservations are required and the event is limited to 35 participants. To make reservations contact 708.534.3084. Participants should meet in GSU's Hall of Governors prior to the walk. The reservation deadline for this free event is Friday, January 18. The walk and dinner will be canceled if temperatures are below 20 degrees on the day of the event.

Mindfulness, Psychotherapy Open House - February 1

Individuals interested in enrolling in GSU's new Mindfulness and Psychotherapy Certificate Program are invited to attend an Open House on Friday, February 1, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the E-Lounge.

In addition to meeting faculty and other prospective applicants, those attending the Open House will receive a program overview and learn about program goals, the admission process, eligibility requirements, and approximate cost of the program. Light refreshments will be served.

To register for the Open House, contact [Dr. Maristela Zell](#) at 708.235.2235.

The first of its kind in the Midwest, GSU's Mindfulness and Psychotherapy Certificate Program is a two-year, 18-credit-hour program designed to teach post-master's level practitioners and advanced graduate students how to integrate mindfulness-based interventions into their clinical practice.

More and more research studies indicate how mindfulness and meditation-based practices help clients achieve emotional regulation, modulate anxiety and depression, lower blood pressure, enhance the immune system, and increase concentration and attention span.

Current master's-level GSU students enrolled in clinically-oriented programs who are in their final year of advanced clinical practicum are eligible to enroll. In addition, social workers, psychotherapists, addiction counselors, marriage and family therapists, and other allied health professionals who work in clinical settings can benefit from enrollment in this program.

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The Voice! Fills CPA on Sunday (01-10-13)

Enjoy an intimate celebration of arias and ensembles from operas and Tony award-winning musicals during *The Voice! A Celebration in Song*, coming to GSU's Center for Performing Arts at 4 p.m. on



Sunday, January 13. The concert is part of the CPA's Opera Up Close series.

From your on-stage table on the stage, you'll look out into the theater as four world-class singers perform classics, from *The Barber of Seville* to *West Side Story* and everything in between. Rachel Holzhausen (soprano), Yvette Smith (mezzo soprano), John Concepcion (tenor), and Michael Cavalieri (baritone) will present an unforgettable concert bringing the full range of human passions to life, including seduction, jealousy, humor, and the triumph of love.

For tickets to *The Voice!*, contact the CPA [box office](#) at 708.235.2222.

Students Can Advance Diversity, Social Justice

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There's Still Time to Host a History Month Open Class

Plans are in the works to commemorate Black History Month in February and Women's History Month in March with a series of programs and events sponsored by Student Life. The theme of Black History Month is Cross Roads of Freedom. Women and Innovation, Paving the Road is the theme for Women's History Month.

Faculty are invited to contribute by hosting an "open class." Open classes provide faculty with the opportunity to invite the wider GSU community to attend one of their own scheduled class meetings to participate in a relevant educational opportunity. In February, a topic relevant to the African American experience and contributions and, in March, topics related to Women's contributions would be appropriate.

Please consider contributing to the dialogue and programming honoring Black History Month and Women's History Month.

To submit one or more open classes for the GSU calendar of events, please complete the simple online form by today, January 10. The online form is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/gsuopenclass>.

For more information, contact [Aurelio Valente](#), Dean of Students and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Alumni Association Hats Fund Scholarship



The GSU Alumni Association has created a new scholarship to provide scholarships for high achieving, incoming freshman students. The Association is currently raising funds to endow the scholarship.

For a limited time only, the Alumni Association is offering a hand-made hat for only \$10. The entire purchase price will go toward the endowment. See Cheri Garey in D34070 to order your hat(s) today.

New Portal Version Debuts Tuesday (01-07-13)

On Tuesday, January 8, ITS will officially release a newer version of the university's portal, myGSU. The new version is very similar to the current portal but it now is based on the latest version of Microsoft SharePoint technology.

Effective Tuesday, you can access the new version of myGSU by using either one of the following URLs:

- <https://mygsu.govst.edu>
- <https://mygovst.govst.edu>

For further information, contact the ITS Helpdesk at 708.534.HELP (4357).

Board of Trustees Sets 2013 Meetings

The Governors State University Board of Trustees will meet on the following dates in 2013:

Friday, February 8 - William D. McGee Hall of Honors – 8:30 a.m.
Friday, February 15 - William D. McGee Hall of Honors – 8:30 a.m.
Friday, May 10 - William D. McGee Hall of Honors – 8:30 a.m.
Friday, May 17 - William D. McGee Hall of Honors – 8:30 a.m.
BOT Retreat - Sunday, August 4 to Tuesday, August 6 – Location TBD
Friday, October 4 - William D. McGee Hall of Honors – 8:30 a.m.
Friday, October 11 - William D. McGee Hall of Honors – 8:30 a.m.
Friday, December 6 - William D. McGee Hall of Honors – Time TBD

Any changes in the schedule will be communicated by the President's Office. For questions regarding the Board of Trustees, please contact Penny Perdue at 708.534.4130, or Joan Johns Maloney at 708.534.4131.

The Creative Woman Added to Library's Digital Collection

The Creative Woman, a feminist quarterly journal published at GSU between 1977 and 1992, is now available online in the GSU Library's Digital Collections.

The Creative Woman featured the work of GSU faculty, staff, and others on a wide variety of topics of interest to women. Issues were comprised of articles, poetry, verse, biographical sketches, essays,

non-fiction, fiction, book reviews, photography, and original graphics. Issue themes included women's involvement in science, religion, business, energy, politics, and psychology; and the lives of Russian women, Chinese women, American Indian women, lesbians, and women coping with disabilities.

The availability of the journal is due in large part to the initiative and dedication of Sarah Wegley, Library Operations Associate, who secured the funding needed to digitize the journal.

"Congratulations! It is a deep source of gratification to know that the magazine is in several collections (Green Library at Stanford, New York Public Library, Radcliffe Collection at Schlesinger Library at Harvard, among others) and now on the web," said Helen Hughes, former editor of *The Creative Woman*. "You are expanding the breadth of possible readers and extending the lifespan. I'm 90 ... I'm glad to have lived long enough to witness *The Creative Woman* in her latest incarnation. I'm grateful."

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For any questions, call ext. 7411 or e-mail gsutrans@govst.edu.

Café's Hot Entrees for a Cold Month

GSU Café has posted its January calendar for special daily hot entrees. Visit the café [website](#) to view the calendar and monthly menu.

IT Upgrade – January 4 (01-03-13)



A necessary upgrade of the university's security firewall equipment will take place on January 4 and 5, between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. IT anticipates that any disruption will be very brief. However, there is a possibility that GSU system will not be available from off-site intermittently during this period.

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Occupational Therapy Information - January 24

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Attendees are encouraged to bring unofficial copies of transcripts.

For more information, contact [Patricia Kalvelage](#) at 708.534.7294.

